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Town Loses CEO & Good Friend



(Lamoine) - Code Enforcement Officer and Plumbing Inspector John Holdsworth passed away following a long battle with heart disease on June 9, 2004. John held

his present position for nearly 4-years. A memorial service is planned for July 17th at St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Ellsworth.

John was very active in town government for many years, serving on the Board of Appeals prior to his CEO position, and he served once before as Code Enforcement Officer between 1981 and 1983.

John spent much of his life as a newspaper printer, and owned the Pine Tree Print Shop in Ellsworth. He and his family put the town report together for many years. He was also a highly respected site evaluator, designing hundreds of septic systems in Hancock County.

Undoubtedly the most important thing to John was his family. He and his wife Rose raised four daughters, all of whom still live in

Board of Selectmen Expands to Five

(Lamoine) — It might be that voters felt five heads are better than three. It could have been the relative lack of discussion on a straight-forward question. Whatever the case, Lamoine voters opted to create a five member Board of Selectmen. The change will become effective at the regular town meeting in March, 2005.

The vote on June 8th was 212 to 184 in favor of the citizen petition question that sought to increase the board's size. The new board will be equal in number to the School Committee which was increased to five members many years ago.

The passage also means there will be another vote in November, this one to affirm a change in an election ordinance in town to reflect the increased size, and to clarify that the elections in March will select three Selectman

positions, but at staggered terms. Under the proposal approved on a draft article, one position would be for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, then stagger with 3-year terms afterwards. Should the referendum vote fail, Selectmen would hold a special town meeting before the nomination petitions become available to clarify how the new positions ought to be filled.

Some were quite surprised the matter passed after the public hearings on the question. In two sessions, there was virtually no support for the question. Most who spoke said the idea was costly, and a larger board of Selectmen could potentially bog down decisions. Many of the arguments against the increased size centered around how difficult it is to find candidates for the one position available each year.

Fire Truck Vote Passes Easily, Again

(Lamoine) — One fire department member, jokingly, said "OK, do we buy two fire trucks?" Voters overwhelmingly approved funding to purchase a \$200,000 rescue/pumper truck on June 8th. The final tally was 259 in favor to 140 opposed. It was the 2nd town meeting vote on the fire truck issue, the first

-years old when it's replaced by the new vehicle.

Fire Chief George "Skip" Smith said the new pumper/rescue truck will be designed to carry all sorts of rescue equipment on one vehicle, instead of the many vehicles that currently house items such as a hydraulic rescue jaws, thermal imaging camera, lights, traffic

Lamoine with their children.

John's passing leaves a void in the town office, as he was well liked by the rest of the staff and everyone who came in contact with him.

Dennis Ford, who spent the last year training with John as the Deputy Code Enforcement Officer, was appointed to take John's place, having passed his certification tests less than 24 hours before John's passing.

passing at open town meeting in March. Fewer voters attended the open town meeting, and the ratio of support at the open town meeting was much larger, but the vote difference was essentially the same for both meetings.

During the public hearings there was very little testimony against purchasing the new fire truck which will replace a 1975 American LaFrance pumper truck that was added to the fleet in 1999. The truck will be 30

control, medical equipment road barriers and the like.

The town has put the chassis for the new truck out to bid, with those bids due July 1st. Once the chassis is ordered, a body design will be sought. The town will borrow \$125,000, the fire department corporation will donate \$50,000, and the town's fire truck reserve fund will add another \$25,000 to fund the project. The new truck should be ready for delivery in 2005.

Let's Roll Guys!



Young Austin Dyer of Linden Lane sits in the driver's seat of Lamoine Pumper 401 during the fire department's open house in May. His mom and dad say Austin loves trucks and was excited about seeing the fire station and sitting in an engine. The open house drew a good number of visitors to the fire station. See more pictures on page 5

Lobster Pound Appeal Set For August

(Lamoine) — After granting numerous delay requests from attorneys representing both sides, the Board of Appeals will start to hear testimony in the case filed against the Seal Point Lobster Pound. There are two appeals pending, one on a Shoreland Zoning Permit issued by the Planning Board, the other on a Site Plan Review Permit, also issued by the Planning Board.

At a preliminary hearing in June, the Board set up the format in which it would hear the testimony. Things will start with a site visit on Saturday, August 21, 2004 at 8:00 AM to the Lobster Pound. The actual hearings will start on Sunday, August 22, 2004 at Noon. The Board agreed to the unusual Sunday session as the owners of the Lobster Pound run a restaurant that is open Monday through Saturday during the busy summer months.

Neighbors of the pound filed suit after the Planning Board issued the permits for expansion of the parking area in 2003. During the permitting process it was discovered that the pound complex covered more of the lot than permitted by ordinance. The expansion of the parking lot and construction of a residence were to be offset by re-vegetation of other parts of the lot to restore the coverage percentage to the level prior to expansion. The appellants complained that the permits constituted a change of use of the lobster pound, and cited increased truck traffic to and from the facility as evidence that it has gone from a commercial use to an industrial use.

The Appeals Board, under ordinance, must hear the entire case "de novo" or in its entirety, instead of a limited hearing on just the areas of appeal. It's expected that the hearings will last beyond the August 22nd session, with the Appeals Board deciding the matter at a future date.

Four Subdivisions Before Planning Board

(Lamoine) — If a lull existed, it's apparently over for the Planning Board. The July agenda includes four preliminary subdivision applications, three of them for the 11-lot minor subdivision limit. The fourth proposal is for a two lot subdivision.

Two of the proposed subdivisions are contiguous, between Needles Eye Road and Partridge Cove Road on property owned by Steve Joy and a corporation in which he's the principal owner. The Planning Board will examine closely whether the proximity of those proposals constitute a major subdivision which requires the developer to set aside a large portion of the lot as open space.

Another proposed subdivision is on land owned by Duane and Julie Crawford between Shore Road and Lamoine Beach Road, and also proposes 11-lots. The same piece of land is also under consideration by the Public Works Study/Land Search Committee

as potential municipally owned land for either school or other town purposes. (see related article below).

The two lot subdivision proposal comes from Gary Murphy and John W. Goodwin on Mr. Murphy's land on Partridge Cove Road. The proposal would carve two house lots from the Murphy land.

The initial proposals are considered pre-applications and were reviewed by town staff prior to submission to the Planning Board. Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford noted questions for the Board on all three applications. If the Board finds the applications complete, a site visit on each parcel will be scheduled and the Board will await the full application. Once a full, formal application is found complete, then a public hearing would be scheduled, and the Planning Board could take action on whether or not to approve the proposals.

Construction Continues To Soar

(Lamoine) - Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford has been a busy guy since starting his job. The following permits were issued since the last edition of *The Lamoine Quarterly*:

No.	Name	Project
6	P. & F Leyendecker	Residence
7	Carol Zdziarski	Barn
8	Diane MacLeod	Residence
9	Sherry Rogers	Residence
10	John Herbert	Deck
11	Richard Blease	Shed, Garage
12	Lonnie White	Deck
13	Nelson Ayling	Residence
14	J & B Anderson	2 Decks
15	S. Leonard-Johnson	2 Cabins
16	Lee Trenholm	Deck
17	Jonathan Hutchins	Deck
18	G. Tehennepe/J Haines	Shed/Barn
19	Jonathan Hutchins	Repairs
20	Don Bamman	Residence
21	H Wallace/D. Klee	Steps to Shore
22	Stuart Whitcomb	Repairs
23	Frank Foisy	Garage
24	Kerry Galaez	Residence, Garage
25	Dean Lockhart	Residence
26	Scott & Barbara Anton	Residence, Garage
27	Ronald Simons	Garage
28	Brian Corrigan	Garage
29	Corey Cirard	Residence
30	John Burnett	Foundation

Land Search Awaits Appraisal Info

(Lamoine) — The crunch in finding land appraisers has hit home with the committee searching for a suitable piece of land to set aside for either school or town government use. Public Works Study Committee Chair Ken Smith engaged an Ellsworth firm to conduct an appraisal of three properties behind the Lamoine School property, but has yet to receive the report. The Board of Selectmen

Voters Sink Amendments Again

(Lamoine) — Despite high praise for proposed changes to the Building and Land Use Ordinance at the public hearings, Lamoine voters once again defeated amendments to the existing ordinance in June. The proposed amendments differed from those presented in March, removing changes that raised objections at the open town meeting in regard to noise standards. It's not known what the voters found

authorized a letter to the appraiser asking for an explanation. A verbal response was that the appraiser lost some staff, but was still working on the report.

The appraisal is important to the town and the landowners as a basis for starting negotiations for a potential purchase. Once the appraisal is received, the town could meet with the landowners and discuss a potential price. The negotiations would go back to the Land Search Committee then be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen which would decide whether to seek town meeting approval for a land purchase. The timetable for starting negotiations may have accelerated a bit as the primary landowner has submitted a subdivision application to the Planning Board. The appraisal firm did not give an estimated date for its report.

Conservation Commission Has Busy Quarter

(Lamoine) — Lamoine's Conservation Commission received a bundle of useful maps and other study materials from a class at the College of the Atlantic. The class on Land Use Planning met with about 50 assembled residents on June 2nd, presenting findings on history, population growth, natural resources, and building patterns in town. The Commission expressed thanks to the students and professors Isabel Mancinelli and Gordon Longworth. Computer files with the GIS and mapping materials were given to the town office after the meeting.

The Conservation Commission also sponsored and organized the sale of Earth Machines composting systems, which were

objectionable in the latest set of proposed changes. The final tally was 177 in favor of the amendments and 192 opposed.

Among the amendments to the ordinance were a restructuring of the fees to lower the cost for items like decks and sheds, and increase fees on large residential projects. The changes would also have added a junkyard section, and clarified language on subdivision roads and size restrictions.

During the public hearings all the speakers favored passage of the latest set of amendments. The Planning Board said it carefully crafted the amendments to address the objections heard during the previous rejected amendment proposals. The Board will discuss the outcome of the vote and decide whether to offer other amendments to the ordinance in the future.

delivered in late June. The Conservation Commission will start to dig further by holding an informational session on solid waste and recycling at its July 14th meeting. Sales were made to 21 people, though more requested the composters.

The Commission helped facilitate a litter cleanup (see page 5) organized by Georgia Munsell. The Commission meets at the Town Hall on the second Wednesday of every month and sets aside time at every meeting to hear the concerns of those attending. Commission members include Fred Stocking, Carol Korty, Donna Theall, Lynda Tadema-Wielandt and Tom Spruce, with Rae Dumont and Joan Bragdon as alternates.

Looking Long Term

(Lamoine) — So, where is Lamoine headed? That's the question Selectmen explored with invited town officials and the general public in May at a session facilitated by Ron Beard of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service.

In response to a questionnaire mailed ahead of time, town boards, employees and volunteers identified areas they wished to discuss. The responses were boiled down to six areas for discussion: Infrastructure, staffing, board support, public information, land use & planning issues, and general government structure.

With those areas identified, the two hour discussion proved beneficial and informative if for no other reason than to have most of the various boards and volunteers represented and listening to each other. Attendees got to hear an update on the school building committee's progress, how subdivisions are impacting the community, and even a bit about the structure of town government and recent efforts to change it.

The meeting produced no concrete results, but did give the Selectmen a direction in which to start to set a long range plan into motion. In July, the Board will start to form a committee to produce a long range planning document. That committee will look at the various items listed out in the six identified categories and try to make a priority list by mid October. The various priority questions will be disseminated to the appropriate boards in place, and the Selectmen should then have an idea of how to proceed toward a final long range plan for the town.

Revenues Up, FY '04 Budget Looks Strong

(Lamoine) — As the town wraps up the fiscal year, the initial budget reports look very strong. Revenues, with one exception, have exceeded budget. Expenses, with one exception, have come in slightly under budget.

On the revenue side, with two days remaining in the fiscal year, automobile excise tax was \$47,000 ahead of what was budgeted, or about 21% higher than projected when the budget was drawn up in the fall of 2002. The town now collects over a quarter million dollars in excise taxes. The only major exception to the revenue line has been investment income, which is off about \$2,200, though interest income for June has yet to be recorded. The low interest rates on money market and other accounts are to blame for the lower than projected interest income. Interest collected on unpaid taxes, up about \$2,100, just about makes up for the lower investment interest. Other major sources of income that

came in over budget were State Education Funding, Municipal Revenue Sharing and Code Enforcement Permit Fees.

On the expense side, solid waste costs have gone through the roof, and will exceed budget significantly. Increased population has led to increased tonnage sent to the PERC facility. A renegotiated recycling contract led to higher costs, and cleanup of the old metal pad cost \$3,000 more than budgeted. Overall, solid waste expenses could exceed budget by \$7,000 or just under 10-percent. Other general fund expenses were either at or under budget toward year's end. Bills will continue to straggle in during July.

The town will have enough cash to operate during traditionally lean summer months, ending the fiscal year with over a half million dollars in the bank. Copies of the Treasurer's bi-weekly reports are now posted on line at www.lamoine-me.gov.

Water Testing Completed

(Lamoine)—The town recently completed water tests on four residential wells near the old landfill, and the results were consistent with testing from the past several years. Additionally, wells installed by the Department of Environmental Protection around the perimeter of the landfill were tested again, and no red flags were raised from the results.

Hazardous Waste Cleanup In The Fall

(Somesville) — Lamoine will join with other members of the MDI League of Towns (Trenton, Bar Harbor, Mt. Desert, Southwest Harbor, Tremont & Cranberry Isles), in another Household Hazardous Waste cleanup to be scheduled in the fall. Details are still being worked out, but the plan is basically the same as last year when several Lamoine households took advantage of the disposal

Lamoine General Purchased, Plans Expansion

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine General Store has a new owner, but the face is pretty familiar. Kimberly Murphy officially purchased the store from a corporation headed by Carroll Leland in early April. Kim has managed both the Lamoine Store and Carroll's IGA for several years, and the purchase included the Trenton facility as well. She's the fourth owner of the store that opened in 1996. She, her husband, and two sons reside in Lamoine.

The Murphys have applied to the Lamoine Planning Board for a permit to expand the Lamoine General Store facility's storage areas. The Planning Board will review the application at its meeting on July 6th. The permit application are available for view at the Lamoine Town Hall

While the ownership has changed hands, little else inside is different, with the exception of a new Megabucks machine, approved after many residents signed a petition to the Maine State Lottery Commission requesting the tickets be sold in Lamoine. The store continues to have its popular lunch counter, friendly staff, and is often the center for local political discussion.

Gravel Pit Expansion Proposed

A change in testing parameters for arsenic caused a minor panic. The state health testing laboratory changed its results from reading parts per million to parts per billion, which would show 1,000 time more arsenic than before. When the figures were adjusted, the very low levels of arsenic in some water samples were consistent with past years tests.

The town tests the wells once per year in the spring, and tests costs approximately \$4,600 a year.

Dennis Ford Appointed Code Officer

(Lamoine) - Seal Point Road resident Dennis Ford has accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's (CEO) job following the death of John Holdsworth (see page 1). Mr. Ford is a retired auto mechanic who offered to train to become the Deputy CEO during 2003 for "something to do, because I have the time".

During his tenure as Deputy CEO, Mr. Ford conducted inspections of Lamoine's gravel pits and filled in during times in which the CEO was unable to be present to process building permit applications.

The Planning Board offered up a number of proposed changes to the CEO's job description in order to get more staff input on applications pending before the Board, and Mr. Ford agreed to try out the new description on a six month basis with the Board of Selectmen. Also under study will be the manner of compensation. The CEO currently receives a salary, but works a lot of hours during summer months.

options. A grant from the State Planning Office for the regional effort helped to keep costs to local communities relatively low. Part of the dues paid to the MDI League of Towns will assist with the setup costs for Clean Harbors to run the collection day at the Somesville Fire Station.

If you have hazardous wastes at your home, check with the town office sometime after August 22nd for your disposal options under this program.

Turnout Strong for Primary Election

(Lamoine) — Despite a lack of candidate races (the Register of Probate nomination being the only contested one), over 31% of Lamoine's registered voters turned out for the June 8th election. It might have been the local issues that drew voters to the polls, or it might have been the statewide property tax relief referendum, which passed both statewide and in Lamoine, but failed in Hancock County.

Broken out by party, 184 Republicans (39%), 117 Democrats (38%) and 12 Green Independents (34%) cast ballots in the primary. Voting Green Independent was a particular challenge as no candidates were on the ballot. Unenrolled voters has only a 19% showing (87 voters) for the primary election.

The Registrar of Voters may conduct a purge of the voter list in the coming months in order to more accurately reflect the number of registered voters. When a voter moves away, unless notified, their name stays on the list.

(Lamoine) — A public hearing is scheduled for July 6th on the first of two permits needed to expand a Douglas Highway gravel pit operation by Harold MacQuinn, Inc. The Board will hear testimony about plans by the company to mine gravel from land adjacent to its Kittridge pit, but owned by Ralph & Mary Miro. The permit application is for 29-acres and is available for public inspection at the Town Hall.

In addition to the Gravel Permit, the project also falls under the Site Plan Review Ordinance passed a few years ago by Lamoine Voters. An attorney for the company dropped that application off at the town office in late June, and it will be scheduled for the August Planning Board meeting. The Planning Board has asked the town attorney for his opinion on the fee associated with the latter permit—whether it applies only to the expanded land, or to the entire excavation area.

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Lamoine Beach Sports New Bicycle Rack

(Lamoine) — Bicycle riders who reach the end of the road can park securely now that a new bike rack is installed on the beach property. A gift from Healthy Acadia, the bike rack was installed by Dennis Ford and Stu Marckoon before the busy summer season started. The rack was one of several distributed to towns throughout the MDI area as Healthy Acadia encourages more bicycle use and exercise.



Unveiling The Rack

Officials inspecting the bike rack installation at Lamoine Beach include (from left) Mary Booher (MDI Tomorrow), Heather Albert-Knopp (Healthy Acadia), Jo Cooper (Chair- Board of Selectmen), Ken Olsen – (Friends of Acadia, President)

Cable TV Channel Up & Running

(Lamoine) — Standby—Channel 7 is on the air (so to speak). Adelphia Cable TV subscribers in Lamoine can now watch the local government channel which has been up and running since late May. Currently the channel features about 20 computerized “slides” with information about local town matters, including meeting schedules, basic town services, and even a lost dog announcement. While the slides roll through on a continuous loop, jazz music is playing in the background. Is this about as exciting as it will get? The short answer is—probably. The Selectmen have approved a committee of volunteers to start to explore further

options with the channel, including televising meetings, either live or via tape delay. Among those volunteering are Nick Pappas, Frank Murray, Henry Ashmore, Patricia Heath, Linda Feury, Laura Trepanier and John Wuorinen. Their first meeting is scheduled for July 13th. The committee will figure out what type of programming ought to be on the cable channel, what

equipment will be necessary, and how many volunteers will be needed to run the equipment.

Lamoine receives a franchise fee from Adelphia of 3% of cable bills, and the fund has about \$8,000 with which to purchase equipment.

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The Guts of The System

An equipment rack installed by Adelphia includes a modulator and laser light transmitter. The small pieces of equipment are surprisingly noisy with a cooling fan, and quite warm on hot summer days.

Planning, Appeals Board Refilled

(Lamoine) — The election of Perry Fowler as a Selectman created a vacancy on Lamoine’s Planning Board, and a shuffling of volunteers resulted. Moving onto the Planning Board from the Board of Appeals is that board’s Chair, Melody Havey. She was appointed a full member of the Planning Board, and

Parks Ordinance Under Study

(Lamoine) — Lamoine's Conservation Commission has developed a proposed ordinance to regulate activities at Lamoine's public park areas. The town has two formal parks, Lamoine Beach and Bloomfield Park at Blunt's Pond, and owns a small portion of land along Marlboro Beach. The proposed ordinance was presented to the Planning Board which will review the draft before submitting it to the Board of Selectmen for inclusion on a town meeting warrant.

The proposal would restore the Parks Commission which was dissolved several years ago. For many years parks commissioners were elected by the town meeting. The proposed ordinance would make the commission an appointed board which would meet at least quarterly and report its agenda and findings to the Board of Selectmen.

Under the proposal, activities that would normally draw at least 25-people to park areas would require a special use permit from the parks commission. Erection of temporary structures such as tents would also require a permit from the parks commission, as would any fires outside of the cooking grill facilities provided at Lamoine Beach.

The ordinance would also allow the parks commission to decide how to enforce the park rules using appropriate town staff.

Again, the measure is just in draft form at this point and will require a lot of discussion before making it to the town meeting level.

Appeals Board Ordinance Proposed

(Lamoine) — Members of Lamoine's Planning Board have drafted a new ordinance to coordinate all the other ordinances which allow appeals to the Lamoine Board of Appeals. The measure received mixed reviews from the Appeals Board in June.

Currently the rules are different in the many ordinances already on the books in Lamoine. The Building & Land Use ordinance allows for administrative appeals which greatly narrow the focus of the Appeals Board. Most of the other ordinances require "de novo" appeals, which means the Appeals Board has to hear the entire application all over again—essentially acting as a second Planning Board.

The proposed ordinance would clarify that administrative appeals would be allowed in most cases, except where a permit was not granted by the Planning Board due to a tie vote. The Appeals Board debated what its scope ought to be under an ordinance. Many feel the board should be a true appeals board, hearing only evidence in a narrow scope of what's being appealed. At least one member, though, felt the board should be open to applying all aspects of a permit, even if they are not the initially identified subject of the appeal, and thus keeping the "de novo" option open for all appeals. The ordinance has yet to be scheduled for the Selectmen or Town Meeting.

Selectmen and Planning Board members enthusiastically welcomed her experience. Chris Tadema-Wielandt moves from an alternate member of the Board of Appeals to a full member, and was selected Chair of the Appeals Board. Named as alternate members to the Board of Appeals were former School Board chair Hancock "Griff" Fenton and Budget Committee member Reggie McDevitt. The Selectmen felt two alternates were important to the Appeals Board in case conflicts made full members unable to hear appeals.



Soggy HAMS at Lamoine Beach

The Ellsworth Amateur Radio Club held its field day at Lamoine Beach the last weekend in June.

Despite a rainy Saturday, the HAMS made contact with 300 other HAMS around the world in a 24 hour span. Above, operators erect one of the antennae used for send and receive Amateur Radio signals all over the world. The event also marked the debut of the new Emergency Management Trailer obtained by the Hancock County EMA in the event of an emergency that might need a mobile command post.

Fire Department Open House A Hit

(Lamoine) — Despite a last minute date change, Lamoine's Fire Department open house seemed to be a hit with those who attended. Fire Department members grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, and David & Albert Herrick cooked up a seafood stew to serve to visitors.

Department members gave tours of the fire station and went over the various pieces of rescue equipment and fire truck apparatus with visitors.

The goal of the open house was to

acquaint the public with what the fire department does in town. Many visitors brought their children who got to sit in the fire trucks and try on turnout gear. One of the highlights was a visit by Arthur Vidito, one of the original founders of the fire department in 1948. Mr. Vidito is Lamoine's oldest resident. Another highlight was the return to the fire station by lifetime member Albert Herrick who was convalescing from surgery and a rehabilitation center stay. His presence lifted the spirits of firefighters.

The open house was also a good opportunity to give the fire station a good cleaning. Chief Skip Smith, polished up the trucks first thing in the morning while others swept out the station and meeting areas. A good time was had by all.

One of the original founding members of the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department, Arthur Vidito, stopped by the Open House and enjoyed a bowl of stew. He chats at left with Asst. Fire Chief Joe Reynolds



Don't Rock the Boat!

Youngsters from the Sattler Family and the Weaver Family check out the LVFD Rescue Boat while Jr. FF Tyler Black dons an SCBA mask to demonstrate what a working firefighter might look like to a child.

No Paint Bidders



Busy Spring for Fires Tapers Off in June

(Lamoine) — If you're going to have a fire in Lamoine, scheduling it for a Thursday Night at 7:00 would be good timing. That's when fire department meetings and training occur, and response time is very fast, as Harlan and Leurene Hodgkins found out on June 10th. Three fire trucks and at least 10-firefighters were on scene within 5-minutes of the 9-1-1 call, and found a smoky kitchen. Quick action extinguished a drawer in which a smoldering pot holder had been placed, and damage was limited. That, it turned out, was the only call for the fire department in June, but April and May turned out to be quite busy.

Motor vehicle accidents took up most of the responses for the fire department. The most serious was a single-vehicle accident around midnight on Douglas Highway. A car driven by Charles Sawyer of Shore Road went off Route 184 and crashed into a tree near Orchard Lane. Mr. Sawyer was taken by Lifeflight helicopter to Eastern Maine Medical Center where he was treated for serious injuries. Two accidents involving dump trucks occurred at the intersection of Routes 184 and 204 the same week. Neither resulted in serious injuries.

The fire department responded to a burning dumpster at the Lamoine Transfer Station, a flooded cellar on Seal Point Road, and a couple of false alarms, and provided assistance for Ellsworth and Trenton fire departments during larger calls in those towns.

(Lamoine) — The project to paint the interior of the Fire Station is on hold after no one submitted bids to the Board of Selectmen. Chief Skip Smith figures that painting contractors are already booked for the season, and the invitation to bid asked that the project be completed by mid-October.

The Selectmen have encumbered the funds approved at town meeting in March 2003 in anticipation of putting the project out to bid again, and scheduling it so it might fit contractor schedules a bit better. Approximately \$6,200 is set aside for the project.

Streets Swept by New Contractor

(Lamoine) — Newly elected Selectman Perry Fowler was not broken-hearted that he did not win the bid to sweep Lamoine's roads this spring. In fact, Mr. Fowler didn't submit a bid this year, after several years of performing the exhausting and dirty work.

George Crawford submitted this year's bid at \$55/hour and was selected by the Board to perform the sweeping project (his son Glenn abstained from the vote). Mr. Crawford quickly swept the roads during the month of May and won good compliments on the efficiency of the operation and the quality of the sweeping job.

Mr. Crawford noted that many of the shoulders have started to build up from the winter sand pushed to the sides of the road over the years. The Road Commissioner will look at shoulder shaping this summer.

Paving Project Done



Paving Coordinator Roger Picard (right) supervises the crew from Lane Construction as they wait for the next load of asphalt mix on Walker Road.

(Lamoine) — Parts of Walker Road and Mill Road are a much nicer ride now following paving in late June. Lane Construction won the paving bid this year with a price just under \$33/ton. The section from the end of Mill Road to Route 204 was paved on the Walker Road, while the Mill Road got resurfaced from Route 184 to the point where the previous paving project began last year.

The town will fill in the shoulder drops created by the new macadam layer sometime this summer. It appears the paving project will come in under budget, as early estimates for town meeting pegged the price of material at about \$40/ton.

During the budget cycle, Selectmen will explore paving Shore Road and Seal Point Road in 2005.

Roadside Cleanup Nets Trash

(Lamoine) — The difference was evident immediately. After a roadside cleanup event June 5th, Lamoine looked a lot better to those driving into town. Georgia Munsell of McFarland Lane worked with the Conservation Commission and coordinated the cleanup and about 35-people volunteered, hitting the streets with orange vests loaned by the Maine Department of Transportation and large, clear trash bags also donated by MDOT. Over 100-bags were filled up with discarded cups, paper, cigarette butts, and you name it. Other volunteers carted the local road trash to the transfer station, while MDOT picked the bags up from the state highways. Many thanks to Mrs. Munsell and all the volunteers!



*Cleaning Up
Ray & Arlyss Becker of Lamoine Beach Road helped with trash pickup on June 5th, filling bags with roadside litter.*

Sports Boosters To Aid School Teams

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Consolidated School has a new group of volunteer fundraisers to help organized sports remain a positive experience for the town's young people. The Sports Boosters group will raise money to help supplement the School's budget and provide moral support to all the LCS sports programs.

The group is made up of parents, coaches, family and friends. The mission statement developed at the initial meetings is to assist the Lamoine Consolidated School

coaching staff and Athletic Director so they can focus on training the teams; to recognize and encourage all LCS sports activities; to promote a healthy school spirit; to encourage student participation; and to encourage and promote sportsmanship and team work.

The group also elected Patty Heath as President and Secretary, Chrystine Emeigh as Vice-President, and Glenn Grant as Treasurer. President Patty Heath says anyone is welcome to join in, and she can be contacted at 667-2957 or PattyHeath@adelphia.net.

The boosters plan to hold a bottle drive on Saturday, July 10th from 9AM to Noon. One of the first undertakings was a cleanup project at the athletic fields behind the school.



The Cleanup Can Be Fun

Lamoine's new Sports Boosters program sponsored a community work day at the School athletic field complex. Manning the ATV are (from left)-Katie Bowman, Alex Emeigh, and Ami Clark.

Mrs. Heath said the Boy Scouts and leaders Jo & Don Cooper, Doug Jones and Ted Duffy were instrumental in the efforts. The group repaired the areas behind the baseball and softball dugouts with gravel, reshaped the pitching mound on the baseball field, and removed several trees that blew down across the Cross-Country trail that runs along the perimeter of the ballfields. Many others from the community and the sports teams helped with the cleanup and enjoyed some home grilled food.

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Mobile Vending Cart Gets Green Light

(Lamoine) — By the time young Anna Ashmore hits high school, she might be an expert on red tape. Anna and her folks have started a take-out stand at their property across the street from Lamoine State Park. Before they could operate, though, they sought the proper permits. That created a bit of a dilemma for the Planning Board, as mobile vending carts are not dealt with in Lamoine's Ordinances.

A fair number of communities in Maine do have provisions for regulating such activities, and the Planning Board found some standards from the Town of Freeport that were to their liking, and to the Ashmores. The commercial permit application was prepared and the Freeport criteria were compared with the application. The Planning Board approved the application on a one-year trial basis, and Anna opened her take-out in June, just as visitation to the park started to take off. Lamoine was not the only stop. The Department of Human Services also has to issue a permit to ensure proper sanitation, and the permit was received at about the same time the local permit came through.

Changing of the Guard For Honoring Vets

Historical Society Happenings

By Susan Wuorinen

The Lamoine Historical Society continues to build on this past winters cataloguing of the collection. Steel wire shelving was purchased and now holds the hundreds of historic documents. Thanks to Anne Stocking, the Society has submitted a request for a grant from the Maine State Archives for archival materials to help preserve these documents. The Society meets for work sessions on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 9 to 11 A.M. to catalogue the collection. Call Brooke Childrey at 667-6919 for more information. This is an excellent way to learn the rich history of Lamoine.

At the May meeting officers were elected. President Jo Cooper, Vice President Anne Stocking, Recording Secretary Marian McFarland, and Treasurer, Walter McFarland. Susan Wuorinen was appointed as Corresponding Secretary at the June meeting.

The meeting on July 28 will be "World War II Memory Fest" Did you know that the U.S. Army held maneuvers at Lamoine Beach? Do you remember ration books, air-raid wardens, and black-outs? On August 25th there will be a repeat the very popular "Road Show". Bring your antiques and treasures and old stuff to the East Lamoine Meeting House for appraisal, starting at 7:00. You may be surprised! Appraisals are free, but donations for the Historical Society are welcome! The Annual Meeting will be held on September 22. It will feature a guest speaker and a pie and

Lamoine Throws Still Available

(Lamoine) — A new shipment of the Lamoine throws has arrived, and the Lamoine Baptist Women report they're available for sale once again. The throws feature embroidered pictures of a number of buildings around town and the first batch sold out quickly. The new group is available in navy blue and off-white, though a very limited number of the original color schemes offered last year are still available. If you would like to obtain one of these handsome throws, contact Marion McFarland (667-8893) or Kay Whitaker (667-8977). Proceeds from the sales of the throws are helping offset costs of the Habitat for Humanity House that is under construction on Lamoine Beach Road.

ice cream social, starting at 7:00 at the Lamoine Baptist Church.

The Lamoine Historical Society welcomes new members! Annual membership fee is \$5.00. Call Marion McFarland for more information, 667-8893. You can also learn more about the Lamoine Historical Society at membership table at the Lamoine Art Fair on August 7th.

(Lamoine) — When Joe Lear passed away earlier this year, the town lost a lot of historical knowledge, including where all the Veterans were buried. Thankfully, Bill Parkinson had accompanied Mr. Lear the previous year in the effort to make sure all Veterans received a flag on their grave for Memorial Day. This year, Parkinson and Adm. Asst. Stu Marckoon rode around to the various large and small cemetery plots to insert the flags into their holders. Helping out as well was Lear's sister, Edna Coyne, who helped to start a list of veteran grave locations in the East Lamoine Cemetery. Mrs. Coyne also came across other records to show other burial areas.



Remembering Our Heroes

Bill Parkinson distributes flags on Veterans' graves at East Lamoine Cemetery just before Memorial Day weekend. Parkinson, a US Navy Veteran, made sure each known vet's grave in Lamoine was properly adorned with a new American Flag.

A Smart Crop of Kids Head to the Real World

(Lamoine) - The class of 2004 set a record in Lamoine for the number of high school honor graduates. A dozen Lamoine students graduated with honors from MDI High School and Ellsworth High School in June. The superintendent reports there were 27-seniors this year. All the known honor graduates received a nice certificate from the Board of Selectmen. From Ellsworth High School congratulations go to **Mary Jones (honor essayist), Miranda Engstrom, Richard McMullen, Samuel Stephens, Tessa Miller and Josh Norris.** Honor graduates from MDI High School were **Will Fellis, Bryan Duffy, Mario Moretto, Michelle Jordan, Kyle Glass and Andy Stocking.**

Most of the honor graduates say they're headed to college next year—some far away, others staying in Maine. To all the high school graduates—good job!

Semper Paratus Ensign Bonney

(San Diego, CA) — A very proud mom drove her daughter to California once school got out, and celebrated graduation from the US Coast Guard Academy too. Nicole Bonney, who's mom Diane teaches at the Lamoine School (Dad's a sergeant with the Maine State Police), graduated from the USCG Academy in New London, CT on May 19th. She's been

Dolls Give 8th Graders Reason to “Think it Over”

(Lamoine) — It's 2:00 AM “Honey, the baby's crying. She probably needs feeding”. Mom to Dad? Nope—that's pretty much the conversation from parent to 8th grader during the Baby Think It Over weekend.

The babies are high tech dolls, programmed to cry at various intervals. The student they're assigned to have to either feed them, change the diaper, or just give them a little lovin'.

The purpose of the program is to



Hey, They Look Like Me!

Moxie McBriaerty checks out the dolls that her brother Alex and other 8th Graders had to care for during a weekend this spring. Moxie might have been the best behaved of the bunch!

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introduce a little bit of reality about parenting to young teen-agers who've started to notice things about the opposite gender, so to speak. It's hoped that impression the babies make on how hard it is to be a good parent will influence future decisions of the students to wait until its an appropriate time to start parenting. It seems to be pretty effective, as several of this year's 8th grade class said they really are not ready for the commitment it takes to be a mom or dad.

The babies are provided by Downeast Health Services and school nurse Jackie Grohoski programs the crying times into them. The weekend's no picnic for her, either. If a baby malfunctions, she's on call to fix it.

Vital Statistics

(Lamoine) — The stork arrived twice in Lamoine this quarter. Welcome to **Quentin Kimball Pileggi** who was born on May 17th at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. His dad, Daniel, works for the law firm that represents the Town, and Mom (Bronwyn) is a choral director and one of Hancock County's finest singers!

Also welcome to **Megan Elizabeth Corrigan** who was born on May 31st in Blue Hill. Megan came to visit when she was just 8-days old as her mom came in to vote. Her parents, Brian and Jennifer are long-time Lamoine residents who are in the process of building a new home on Falcon Lane.

Three marriages took place in town



Ensign Nicole Bonney, USCG

Arts Show August 7th

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Art League Arts & Crafts show will be held at the Lamoine Historical Society on Saturday, August 7th from 9AM until 3PM. Space is still available for any Lamoine residents who would like to show off their artistic abilities. Call Joan Bragdon at 667-7956 for more information.

School Calendar Out

(Lamoine) — School starts before Labor Day this year—Wednesday September 1st to be precise. The school calendar is posted on the Internet in its entirety at www.lamoine-me.gov/school/schoolcal0405.htm. The calendar for 2004/05 has two snow days built in, with June 17, 2005 the last scheduled day for classes, provided there are no more than two snow days. Several teacher in-service days are scheduled throughout the year.

Spring Sports Teams Post Good Seasons

(Lamoine) — After losing eight of nine starters to graduation last year, things were kind of bleak going into the softball season for Lamoine this year. Few of the team members had ever played competitive softball before, but the team blossomed after two losses to Hancock to start the season. Coach Joni Pinkham's squad didn't lose another regular season game, and went into the Union 92 playoffs ranked 2nd. They survived a scare against Trenton in the first round of the playoffs, holding on for a 16-to-14 win, and had to meet undefeated Hancock in the finals.

The championship game started off badly, with Lamoine giving up the 10-run maximum in the first inning to the Hornets, but the girls bounced back, and by the 7th, were ahead 18-16. Hancock, though, was just too strong, and scored 3-runs in the bottom of the 7th to pull out the championship.

The boys baseball team improved markedly from last year's 1-9 season, and finished the regular season at 5-5. Lamoine started strong with a pair of wins over Hancock, but then dropped four straight to Trenton and Surry. They drew Surry as their first round opponent in the playoffs, and ran into a buzz-saw. The home team Tigers scored early and often, and under Union rules, had a 15-run lead after 4 innings, so the game ended under the mercy rule. The Union 92 championship went to Trenton who upset Surry in the final 9-to-3.

during the quarter. **Jeffrey Stone and Lisa Trefts** were married on May 1st. A funny thing happened on the way to get the marriage license. The town office in Franklin, where both reside, was sealed off due to a police investigation, so the clerk was not available to issue the license. It was Friday afternoon, and the adjacent town, Hancock, was also closed, as they normally are on Fridays. That left Lamoine, and after getting special dispensation from the Maine Office of Vital Statistics, the license was issued.

John Michael Scott & Kristy Litwinski were married on June 5th. Neither should have any trouble carrying the other over the threshold—they're both world champion weight lifters!

Michael Butler and Kathy Beal were married on June 12th in Lamoine. They reside on Shore Road.

We lost three residents during the quarter. **Bob Abelson** of Meadow Point Road died on April 15th. He was a retired Psychology professor at U-Maine. Many colleagues and neighbors gathered to remember Dr. Abelson at a memorial service at his home in May.

Bernice Willard of Douglas Highway passed away on June 2nd. Mrs. Willard was a long time resident of Lamoine.

John Holdsworth passed away on June 9th (see article on page 1).

LVFD Auction Planned

(Lamoine) — The Annual Lamoine Fire Department auction is tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 20th at 6PM. Check the Fire Department website for further information at www.lamoine-me.gov. Donations are actively sought.

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				1-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	2	3
4	5-Office Closed, Independence Day	6-7PM Planning Board	7-7PM Assessors	8-7PM Fire Dept.	9	10-Sports Boosters Bottle Drive
11	12-10AM Postal Workers	13-7PM Cable TV Committee	14-7PM Conservation Commission	15-7PM Fire Dept	16	17
18	19	20	21	22-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	23	24
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1	2	3-7PM Planning Board	4-7PM Assessors	5-7PM Fire Dept	6	7
8	9	10	11-7PM Conservation Commission	12-7PM Fire Dept.	13	14
15	16-7PM School Committee	17	18	19-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	20-6PM Fire Dept. Auction	21-8:30 AM Appeals Board Site Visit
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